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**IN THE CLAIMS**

10. (Once Amended) An information retrieval method for retrieving information by an information retrieval apparatus from a remote data base, said remote data base comprising image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data, comprising the steps of:

detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;

obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting said detected current position location to the remote data base;

determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus and for searching the limited portion of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of images based on the obtained image from the imaging means;

receiving said acquired image information;

displaying a matching image after performance of the ~~[[comparing]]~~determining step.